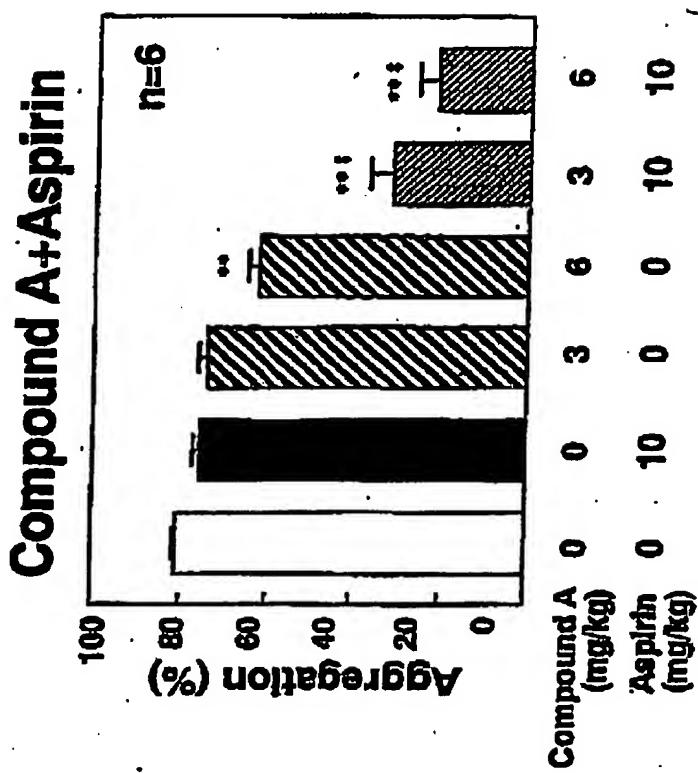


**Ex vivo effects of Compound A In combination with Aspirin on collagen (20  $\mu$ g/ml)-induced platelet aggregation in rats 0.5 hr after the oral dosing**

The results of this testing is shown in the graph below.



\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 vs. control (Dunnett's test), † p<0.01 (2-way ANOVA)

As can be seen from the test results, an unexpected effect is shown for the combination of compound A with aspirin.

Compound A is the same compound as is defined as compound A on page 9 of the specification (under the Table of Results). That is, Compound A is 2-acetoxy-5-( $\alpha$ -cyclopropylcarbonyl-2-fluorobenzyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrothieno[3,2-c]pyridine. The use of compound A in a salt form such as hydrochloride or maleate, should not change the results.

As can be seen from the data, the combination of compound A and aspirin has a synergistic effect on platelet aggregation. This would not be expected from the prior art.

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